

SEGREGATION

Developed with students at Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

1: Sorry, we don't serve your kind here.
2: Whites only!
3: You cannot use that drinking fountain!
4: But...
All: Sorry!
5-8: You can't go to our school.
9: Stop! Your restroom is down there.
10: Oh. Sorry.
11: What are you all talking about?
12: Don't you know that life used to be different for African Americans in the United States?
13: What do you mean?
14: How was it different?
15: Blacks and whites were segregated.
13, 14: Segregated?
All: Segregated. [sound effect]
4: Yes, they were separated.
All: Segregation is the social policy of separation according to race.
5: Whites had more rights? [gesture]
All: Right! [gesture]
6: Blacks and whites used different restaurants,
6, 7: drinking fountains,
6-8: schools,
6-9: and restrooms.
10: And even though they paid the same fare, blacks had to sit in
All: [sound effect] the back of the bus!
16: Man, why'd anybody put up with that?
All: Jim Crow! [gesture] [sound effect]
17: Who's Jim Crow?
18: Jim Crow is an insulting slang term for a black person.
All: The laws that permitted segregation were called Jim Crow laws.
19: Jim Crow laws denied blacks civil rights like sitting at the front of the bus.
13, 14: Civil rights? What are they?
All: Civil rights are the fundamental freedoms and privileges belonging to a country's citizens.
20: All citizens!

1: In the 1950's and 1960', civil rights came to mean the movement to secure equal opportunity and treatment for members of minority groups.
2: Equal job opportunities,
3: equal pay,
4: equal schools.
5: And no more moving to
All: [sound effect] the back of the bus!
6: Ummm-hmmmm. [gesture] Thanks to
All: Rosa Parks! [gesture] [sound effect]
7: Who's Rosa Parks?
8: She's a black woman who was riding on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955.
9: A bunch of white people got on, and the bus driver said,
10: "Y'all move to the back now and give these people your seats!"
11: And Rosa Parks
All: Refused! [gesture] [sound effect]
12: She was even arrested for this.
13, 14: Arrested?
All: Arrested! [gesture] [sound effect]
15: And then what happened?
16: Word got out, and all of Montgomery began the famous bus boycott.
17: Black people refused to ride any bus anywhere if the bus segregation law was not changed.
18: It took over a year, but the boycott worked!
All: [sound effect]
19: And Rosa Parks is credited with initiating the modern Civil Rights movement.
20: Thanks to Rosa Parks and others...
1: we all have the right to use the same restaurants,
1-5: drinking fountains,
1-10: schools,
1-20: and restrooms.
2: And never again will blacks be forced to move to
All: [sound effect] the back of the bus!
3: And that, fellow citizens, was just the start of the
All: condemnation of segregation! [gesture] [sound effect]

THE MIDDLE COLONIES

Developed with students at Wood Middle School, Rockville, Maryland, USA

1: Ladies and Gentlemen... [sound effect]

2: Introducing [sound effect]

1-5: Not the New England

6-10: Not the Southern

All: But... the Middle Colonies

3: Based on a chapter in YOUR Social Studies Book

All: The United States [gesture]

1-5: It's history

6-10: and Neighbors

4: Written by

All: US [gesture]

5: Starring

All: New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania! [gesture]

6: also known as

6-10: "The Breadbasket Colonies"

7: Why?

Girls: [rap] We're the breadbasket girls and we're here to say,

Our colonies bake bread on every day.

Our fields yield crops of beautiful wheat and other things most excellent to eat!"

8: What do you call a person who owned and ruled a Middle Colony?

9: A delegate?

All: No! A proprietor.

9: Then what's a delegate?

All: Delegates were people elected by colonists to represent them in colonial assemblies.

6, 7: Have you ever heard of Sarah Knight?

10: Isn't she the lady on Good Morning America?

All: [sound effect] [gesture]

6: No! She made a journey by horseback from Boston to New York in 1704.

7: She wrote about how difficult it was to travel the rocky roads and cross the rivers.

1: When Sarah Knight visited New York, the Dutch influence was still strong.

2: What's influence?

All: Influence means the power of people or things to act on others.

2: Oh. Could you give me an example of Dutch influence?

3: Did you ever hear a Dutch door?

2: Nope.

4: Well, it's a door with two parts. The top part could be open while the bottom part stays closed.

2: Cool.

8: Hey, I bet you don't know that pigs were used for colonial cities!

10: Duh. They were used for pets.

8: Not. Pigs were used for cleaning up the garbage people threw in their gutters in the cities.

All: Yuck! [gesture]